

Commerce & Trade Action Team

Meeting Notes

August 19, 2004

Attendance

John Stoker, Tonia Ritter, Pauline Misjak, Patrick Holland, Tom Frazier, Joe Pacella, Philip Kazmierski, Tim Hoeffner, Andy Zeigler, Kris Wisniewski, Neal Belitsky, Bob Johnson

Meeting Overview

(25 words or less)

John Stoker opened the meeting by reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted. John reports on Action item 1 from previous meeting that he was unable to link up with Kirk Steudle. Tonia Ritter reported on Action item 3 that she was unable to get with Kathy Blake on Economic Development Team re establishing an advisory group concept. Tonia will continue to follow up. John reported to the group that Sara Smith, MDOT indicated that there will be a one day Summit in December to wrap up Action Teams assignments. All team activities should be submitted by November 1. Further details to follow. There was discussion on a draft of an advisory body, authorization and charge structure.

Meeting Notes

1. Team began by revisiting the different groups identified to serve in an advisory capacity to MDOT and the Transportation Commission regarding the use of technology.
 2. Group discussion centered on “what” we wanted to get from other organizations as we ask them to look at our Action Plan.
 3. Kris Wisniewski presented information on the Blue Water Bridge Study.
 4. Neal Belitsky from the Detroit & Canada Tunnel Corporation provided information on tunnel crossings and improvements.
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Action Items

1. John Stoker will talk to Kirk on concept of advisory group and determine if there are existing groups.
 2. Tonia to call Kathy Blake on Economic Development Team re establishing an advisory group concept. Possible next step will be to invite identified groups to get their input on interest and get a feel for a commitment.
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Proposed Agenda Topics For Next Meeting

1. Identify additional groups to invite into Team meetings for presentations and discussions.
 2. Draft agenda for the next meeting.
 3. Establish dates and locations for future meetings.
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Next Meeting Dates

1. Friday, September 10, 2004, 9:00-1200, Brighton TSC
2. Friday October 8, 2004, 9:00-12:00, Brighton TSC